

REMARKS

A. The Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection Over Mueller

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-25 and 40-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,642,112 to Lowe.

Concurrently filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Therefore the obviousness-type doubled patenting rejection of claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-25 and 40-45 is overcome. *See* 37 CFR 1.130(b). Favorable reconsideration is requested.

B. Conclusion

The Examiner has indicated that claims 26-37 are allowable. In view of the concurrently-filed terminal disclaimer, claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-25 and 40-45 are allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that all claims of the pending application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and claims is courteously solicited.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over A Prior Patent. Should any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ZILO:002C1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.126(a) to be timely, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time, and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any requisite extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.16 to 1.21 from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ZILO:002C1.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512)-347-1611 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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